## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

- 21. (New) A method of inhibiting a collagenase, comprising:

  providing a compound comprising boron that is complexed by at least one ligand; and presenting the compound to the collagenase.
- 22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the collagenase has a specificity towards at least one of type I collagen and type IV collagen.
- 23. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the boron is present as a borate.
- 24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the ligand is selected from the group consisting of a carbohydrate, an amino acid, and an ascorbate.
- 25. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of fructose, glucose, mannitol, and sorbitol.
- 26. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the amino acid is serine or threonine.
- 27. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the ascorbate is vitamin C.
- 28. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the collagenase is located in skin.
- 29. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the compound is formulated in a liposome formulation.
- 30. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the boron compound is selected from the group consisting of magnesium fructoborate, and magnesium boroascorbate.